

**Charles Smith to George Washington, July 24, 1758,
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FROM CAPTAIN CHARLES SMITH.

FORT LOUDOUN July ye. 24th. 1758

DR. BURGIS ¹

I have the Happiness to Inform You your Friends have been Very Sincere So that were Carried by a Number of Votes more than any Candidate, as by the numbers. under Certified. Colo. James Wood Sat on the Bench, and Represented Your Honour, and was Carried round the Town with a General applause, Huzawing Colo. Washington, pray Excuse my haste I am Entertaining Your and my Friends,² and am with Due Regard Your most

Humble Servt. CHARLES SMITH.

P. S. the representatives that Sat up were as Followeth and Number of Votes Viz.,
Your Honour 307

Colo. Martin 240

Capt. Swearingen 45

Hugh West 199

791—ye. half is 395

This is the True State of ye. Ellection

1 Captain Smith must also make use of some term more expressive of his rejoicing than commonplace "dear Sir." He was one of Washington's devoted friends.

2 "I am extremely thankful to you and my other friends for entertaining the Freeholders in my name. I hope no Exception was taken to any that voted against me, but that all were alike treated, and had enough. It is what I much desired. My only fear is that you spent with too sparing a hand."—Washington to Colonel Wood.